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LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY HONORS TWO AT EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY IN BABYLON



Picture left to right: Joseph Trifaro, Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey, Joseph Valenti

Babylon, NY: On Tuesday, May 3rd, Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey (R-14th District) attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Troop 104's Joseph Trifaro and Joseph Valenti. The ceremony took place at the American Legion Post 94 in Babylon and was attended by representatives from the Town of Babylon, law enforcement and the mayor as well as both Eagle Scouts' family and friends.

Joseph Trifaro and Joseph Valenti were Troop 104's 48th and 49th Eagle Scouts respectively. They had begun scouting together as cub scouts and reached Boy Scout's highest achievement on Tuesday in part due to the support they have given each other throughout their careers.

While both Trifaro's and Valenti's careers in scouting reached a culmination on Tuesday, it has been marked with achievements since the beginning. Respectively, they hold 38 and 40 merit badges each, in fields such as aviation, emergency preparedness, family life and personal fitness.

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Additionally, Trifaro held various scout leadership positions, including patrol leader, quartermaster and cook. Valenti also held scout leadership positions, including patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader.

“The partnership these two scouts have shown throughout their careers is a testament to the type of foundation and support network Boy Scouts of America fosters,” said McCaffrey. “Both Joseph Trifaro and Joseph Valenti show incredible promise and will certainly be people the Babylon community can rely on now and in the future.”

An Eagle Scout’s service project is the crowning achievement of a candidate’s journey to Scouting’s highest rank. The project must be one that benefits the community, in addition to being planned and managed by the candidate. This process necessarily involves formulating a project idea, determining the required human and material resources and demonstrating unwavering leadership throughout the process.

For his project, Joseph Trifaro planned and supervised the building of a new wooden podium for the American Legion Post 94. The project generated 82 total hours of work from Trifaro, his family and his friends.

Joseph Valenti’s project included planting a small memorial garden in the rear of the Bethpage Fire Department Engine Company 5’s fire house. This project was in memory of a family friend who passed away suddenly and generated a total of 79 hours.

For those interested in learning more about Boy Scouting, they can visit the organization’s main website at: <http://www.sccbsa.org/>. To learn about Boy Scouting in Suffolk County specifically, interested parties may visit the Suffolk County Council at: <http://www.sccbsa.org/>.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County’s 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon and Babylon’s barrier beach communities.

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